ROSS IS DIPLOMATIC.

THE REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT THE EMBEZZLEMENT.

"THE CHARGE MAY BE TRUE."

THIS IS THE STRING UPON WHICH HE HARPS.

Long and Short Men Again Exploit in Chlengo-Mrs. Birdsong's Nephew Accused of Her Mur-

> der-Other Crimes Reported.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 13.-(Special.) The Journal correspondent to-day had an interview with George E. Ross, arrested under the name of J. N. Wallace and held in this city on the charge of having embezzled \$1,500, possibly more, from the Pacific and United States Express Companies

at Kansas City. Ross had just concluded his dinner and was shown a New Orleans paper containing a dispatch from Kansas City outlining the charges against him. He read the story very carefully; in fact, lingered over its words. Then he turned away and handed back the paper, at the same time beginning to walk up and down the hallway quite restlessly. He walked with his eyes on the ground and soon began whistling softly to himself.

"Have you some statement to make to the press?" was asked.

"It would do me no good to talk now, Ross began in reply, all the while paying no apparent attention to anyone about him. "What is the use of my saying anything? The charge might be true or it might not be. You people would not know whether it was true or not. Just let matters go on as they are; you will find out all the facts in the case later on, and there will be plenty of time, too, for me to talk of them."

"Where were you before coming to this

"I was in St. Louis," continued Ross, becoming a little more communicative. "I left St. Louis about two weeks ago, arriving here December 4. Coming South, I spent four or five days in Memphis, Tenn., before arriving at Baton Rouge."

During all the time the prisoner was walking up and down the corridor and talking to the newspaper men he was whittled vigorously on a pine stick, finally cutting his finger, which bled profusely. At this time Ross showed considerable signs of nervousness and he lost some of his in-

different manners. Ross says that he does not wish to com-municate with any of his friends relative to his trouble. In a general way he takes the arrest very coolly and the officers have so far been unable to get as much out of him as the reporters. When arrested Ross submitted very meekly and merely asked what was the trouble. The prisoner is now in his pocket. He wears a percale shirt, salt and pepper suit of ciothes and a large

silver ring with an ore set. The Pinkertons did not locate Ross in Baton Rouge and the local officials had no so and has not been seen since. tip on his whereabouts, being guided entirely by the similarity of the man and th description in the circular sent out by the

Pinkerton agency. A message received to-day says the Kansas City officials will arrive to-morrow.

The readers of the Journa, will remember that it announced two weeks ago that Ross was in St. Louis. This statement first appeared in a special telegram from that city, in which it was said that Ross was under surveillance there by a member of the surety company that had bonded him to the express companies. The officials of the express companies indignantly denied that Ross was in St. Louis and that he was being watched by anyone connected with their companies or the surety com-pany. They professed to have information that he had gone to Texas or the City of Mexico. The Pinkertons were equally em-phatic in denying that Ross was in St. That individual's own statement establishes the truth of the Journal's state-ment that he was in St. Louis, although he says nothing about being under surveillance. He will doubtless have an interest. ing story to tell some day about how he got away from St. Louis and was captured y an officer who had only a circular giving a description of Ross issued by the Pinkertons to guide him.

THE FAIR WILL A FORGERY.

New York Experts Also Declare Mrs. Craven's Marriage Contract to Be Spurious.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.-The Chronicle says that Messrs. Ames and Carvalho, the New York experts who came out here in the interests of the Fair children, have made a report in which they declare the pencil will to be a forgery.

The deeds to \$500,000 worth of property held by Mrs. Nettie R. Craven, and her contract marriage with the late Senator Fair, are also placed in the same category. When Senator Fair died, he left a vast

estate valued at from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000. In his will be took elaborate precautions to keep the estate intact, and the propert was left in the shape of a trust for the benefit of his children, Mrs. Herman Oelrichs of New York, Miss Virginia Fair and

The children objected to the trust clause and sought some way to avoid it. Then it was that Mrs. Craven, a school teacher, and mother of Markaret Craven, the a ten with a pencil, in which Senator Fair distributed his estate among his children without any trusts. The heirs were at first disposed to accept this pencil will. but changed their minds when Mrs. Crav-en produced deeds to valuable property which she said had been left to her by Senator Fair, and also a marriage contract with the late senator. Then it was that the New York experts were brought here to

Craven's documents are all forgeries, cley

ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS AUNT. Isam Vaughn Charged With the Murder of Mrs. Birdsong-Lynch-

ing Narrowly Averted. Tipton, Mo., Dec. 13.-(Special.) Further deelopments in the murder of Mrs. Nancy Birdsong leave it still a mystery. Isam Vaughn was arrested yesterday evening at California, Mo., charged with the crime, but no positive proof of his guilt has been produced, and he strongly maintains his innocence. He left home the evening prewious, about 6 o'clock, saying he was go at the home of Mr. Pennington, four miles south of the scene of the tragedy. He returned home about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. The clothes he were have been he refuses to give any explanation.

secured by the officers and have blood stains on them, and the gun he carried is bloodstained. He is reported to have made ome damaging admissions to his wife, Vaughn is a nephew of Mrs. Birdsong and was reared by her. He was arrested upon information of his father-in-law, Charles Williams. Bad feelings have ex-isted between Vaughn and Williams for some time. Fearing an attempt would be made to lynch the prisoner, Sheriff Born took him to Jefferson City for safe keeping, which was probably a wise move, a later in the night a number of men went b the fail and demanded the prisoner. Upon being told of his removal they left. Vaughn and Williams are both utterly disreputable and each has served a term in

LONG AND SHORT MEN AGAIN. They Commit a Murder in the Bar Room of a Chicago

Hotel. Chicago, Dec. 13.-The barroom of the Hotel Legrand, on Wells street, was the scene of a murder early this morning. At 6 o'clock two men, 'a tall man and a short man," as usual, entered the saloon. The short man pushed the porter behind a door and held him there with a revolver pointed at his breast.

The "tall man" advanced and demanded of the bartender, William Jahns, the money in the till. Jahns reached beneath the bar and accidentally knocked over a number of glasses, which fell to the floor with a crash. The "tall man" evidently thinking that the bartender was reaching for a pistol, drew a revolver from his over cost pocket quick as a flash and fired two shots, one of the balls passing through Jahns' heart. The men had no trouble in making their escape.

CHECK SWINDLER CAPTURED.

Engaged in Crooked Dealings With an Altoona, Pa., Bank.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 13.-A stranger calling himself P. H. Bradley is under arrest here as a check swindler, and it is said no is wanted by several Western railroad com-panies for forging railroad passes. It was first thought that ne might be Dyer, the absconding New York bookkeeper, but that story was set aside by the arrival from that city of a detective, who failed to identify him. Bradley deposited in the First National bank of this city a check for \$560 drawn on a back in Dayton, O. A bank look in which the deposit was credite'l was given loim, but he was to d not to draw against it until information from Layton had been received. He ig noted the warning and bought diamonds and cothing, giving becks on the First National and exhibiting the bank book Learning of these transactions, the bank officials caused his arrest. He is held penting the receipt of more detailed information from the West.

FORGED A CHECK FOR 875,000. Sharper Takes Liberties With the

Name of Judge Hamilton. Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.-The name of Judge E. Hamilton, of Cleveland, was forged to a \$75,000 check Saturday. Early in the afternoon a man appeared at Lorain Street bank and presented an order for that amount on the Dime Savings and Building Company, payable to C. N. Cunningham. The treasurer offered an excuse for not paying it at once and Cunningham departed. Meanwhile the signature had erean shaven. He had a pair of spectacles | Leen pronounced a forgery by Judge Hamilton. At 3 o'clock Cunningham again appeared. He was told that the bank had falled to get the money and was requested to return at 5 o'clock. He agreed to do

WOMAN PREVENTS A ROBBERY. Pounds a Would-be Burglar With the

Handle of a Lamp. Wooster, O., Dec. 13 .- At an early hour this morning three masked burglars battered down the door of the farm house of Perry Bristow, an aged man living near here. Just as they entered the house. Mrs. Alice Baxter, Bristow's housekeener. met them with a lamp in her hand. As one of them attempted to grab her by the throat she struck him in the face with the lamp. She continued to hammer him with the glass handle of lamp until he beat a retreat and the other two robbers ran away. One of the three was afterward

OKLAHOMA BANDITS FRUSTRATED. Railroad Officials Warned of a Contemplated Robbery.

Newkirk, O. T., Dec. 12.-Twice during the past week armed outlaws have been stationed at Chillocco Siding, ten miles north of here, waiting a favorable opportunity to hold up and rob the two night passenger trains. These trains often pass there, but one night they were warned and another night one was late and they passed the point at full speed. The out-laws come across the Arkansas river from the Osage country, which is but a few miles away at that point, and could readily escape to safe hiding places. All trains have since been guarded and the bandits have undoubtedly taken the hint,

WENT TO COMMUNION FIRST.

Then E. E. Wright Committed Sulcide Over His Sweetheart's Grave.

Toledo, O., Dec. 13.-Edmund E. Wright, the son of Thomas H. Wright, a prominent insurance man of this city, committed sui-cide to-day by shooting himself in the heart over the grave of a Mrs. Osborne supposed to be a sweetheart of his. held the crucifix in one hand and the rosary in the other, and, blessing himself and reciting the Lord's prayer, fired the bullet into his heart. He prepared for death by going to communion this morning.

Farmer's Son Murdered.

Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 13.-Andrew Hart, aged 25, son of a pioneer farmer of this county, was shot dead early this morni an unknown man who entered house, presumably for the purpose of robbery. A desperate struggle ensued, murderer escaped, but hundreds of armed citizens with bloodhounds are in pursuit and lynching is probable if the murderer

Muskogeç, L. T., Dec. 13.--(Special.) fullblood Indian of the name of John Paraska was evidently fouly murdered at a onely spot in the west part of town last night. His body was discovered this afternoon. A builet hole just over the heart ex-plained how he met his death. He was formerly a jail guard and posse-man at

Caught Stealing Christmas Goods. Atchison, Dec. 13.-(Special.) A son of a prominent Atchison county farmer was

caught taking articles out of the Christ-mas display of S. F. Stoll, the druggist, and arrested. On account of the family being well known and the boy having heretofore born a good reputation he was released with a severe reprimand. Charged With Horse Stealing. Chandler, O. T., Dec. 13.-(Special.)

thur McGraw, aged 20, well known and con

nected with the best families near Tyron, has been arrested and brought here to jail

on a charge of horse stealing. The stolen

animal was found in his possession, and

SOME LEGISLATION OUTLINED FOR THE KANSAS ASSEMBLY.

MANY MEASURES PROPOSED.

ONE BILL AIMS TO ABOLISH THE STATE MILITIA.

Another Seeks to Do Away With the Metropolitan Police Law-Pops at Outs With the Topeka Commercial Club-Kansas State News.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 13.-(Special.) As the time approaches for the legislature to convene interest increases as to the character of the legislation proposed. Bills will be introduced covering every subject imaginable. It seems that each member has a special hobby of some kind. Many of them are of a general nature, while others are purely local. Below will be found a list of subjects of bills of a general character which have already been framed and will be introduced the first day of the session; To regulate freight and passenger rates. To enlarge the powers of the railroad

commissioners. To abolish the board of pardons and create an office of pardon clerk.

To abolish the office of state accountant. To consolidate the board of agriculture, labor bureau, fish commission, game warden and irrigation board. To abolish the state militia.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the supreme court. To reduce the number of clerks in the

offices of the state treasurer and secretary. To decrease the number of the members of the board of charities and create an office of state purchasing agent.

To abolish offices of labor commissioners To repeal the Metropolitan police law. To consolidate the boards of managers of the penitentiary and reformatory.

To tax oil wells and coal mines. To amend the mortgage redemption law. To provide for trust deeds.

To enlarge the powers of the insurance commissioner and amend the insurance

To prevent the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine. To fix maximum commissions for the selling of live stock.

To establish a normal school at Wichita.

To consolidate a few counties in Southwestern Kansas. To redistrict the state for congressional senatorial, representative and judicial pur-

To enlarge the insane asylums To complete the state house. To establish state or county uniformity of school books To abolish state forestry stations.
To amend laws governing taxation.

To reduce the fees of county officers PURCHASING AGENT WANTED. Populists Claim Such an Official

Would Save Kansas Many

Thousands of Dollars. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 13.-(Special.) In the event the legislature reduces the number of members of the state board of charities from five to three, there is talk of creating it shall be to purchase all of the supplies for the state. At the present time purchases are made by almost everybody con-nected with the administration. The state board of charities purchases over \$300,000 worth of goods a year. Altogether there is about \$600,000 expended annually for supplies. The Populists claim that a pur chasing agent could save the state at least \$50,000 a year in the way of getting goods cheaper and saving the discounts. He would be expected to remain in the Eastern cen-

ters all the time and pick up snaps just as do the purchasing agents of big mercantile corporations. The agent would be under the supervision of the board of charities and he would be held responsible by it for any misconduct The only objection to the scheme is that it would furnish too great an opportunity for a "rake off" for the agent, but it is a sad commentary on Kansas if one man in the state could not be found who would be honest, when it is taken into consideration that every large mercantile house in the world finds no difficulty in securing trustworthy representatives to make purchases

POPULISTS WILL RUN THINGS. At Loggerheads With the Topeki Commercial Club as to the

Inaugural Ceremonies.

Tepeka, Kas., Dec. 13.-(Special.) There is a hitch between the Shawnee county Populist committee and the Commercial Club of Topeka, concerning the arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies of the new state officers-elect. The Populists claim that the Commercial Club has ignored them in its calculations and that they will take charge of affairs and make all necessary arrangements. They are in favor of ceermonies of Jeffersonian sim-plicity. The officers are expected to quaiify at the usual hour and assume charge of their stations. At 8 p. m. a public re-ception will be held, but no ball. Everybody will be invited. No special invitation: will be issued. The Commercial Club wants to give the officers-elect a send off on a bigger scale. For that purpose a meeting has been called for next Wednesday night The Populists who have the inside track in all things pertaining to the incoming administration say that any arrangements made by the Commercial Club will be ignored and that the only way the club can take a hand will be to co-operate with the committee on the plan outlined.

REFUSED TO NAME DELEGATES.

Mayor Fellows, of Topeka, Thinks the Arkansas River Can't Be Made Navigable.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 13.-(Special.) Topeka will have no duly accredited representative at the deep water convention to be held at Fort Smith this week. Mayor Fellows was asked by the secretary of the association to name some delegates to attend, but he absolutely refused to do so. Instead of sending a list of delegates he sent a letter scorching the promoters of the scheme. He claimed that it was impractical to attempt to make the Arkansas river navigable—the subject which will be considered at the onvention-and that he would not send delegates there to waste their time on such a scheme. The secretary, after receiving the letter, wrote back to a Topeka man and asked if the mayor had gone crazy. The mayor says if he is crazy he is not far enough gone to appoint delegates to that

SOLDIERS' HOME INVESTIGATION. Redding Testifies to Arbitrary and

Oppressive Treatment of Inmates. Washington, Dec. 13.-William F. Redding, an inmate of the Hampton, Va., Soldiers' home, who was the clerk of Gov-

from 1889 to 1892, appeared Saturday before the house committee investigating the Leavenworth home. He testified that he drew the contract with the Leslie Keeley institute by which cures for the morphine and alcohol habits were administered to the inmates. By the terms of the contract \$10 was to be charged for the cure of the morphine habit and \$8 for the alcohol habit. He testified that on one occasion Gov ernor Smith told him when it was suggest ed that the temperance societies should give him a medal for his activity in push-ing the Keeley cure that he did not want a medal, what he wanted was "the \$1,500." This was when negotiations with the in-stitute were pending. He also testified that Governor Smith raised the sum charged inmates for the administration of the Keeley cure to \$20, although the con-tract price was \$8. He said that Governor Smith took the cure himself, and that subsequently he (Redding) saw him (Smith) under the influence of liquor. He testified that Governor Smith frequently went to Excelsjor Springs and remained for several days. Mr. Redding testified to various minor incidents tending to show Governor mith's arbitrary and oppressive treatment of the inmates. He attributed his removal

KANSAS AND MISSOURI COLLECTIONS Annual Report of the Commissioner

from a position he held at the Northwest-

to Governor Smith's influence.

of Internal Revenue. Washington, Dec. 13 .- (Special.) The annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue shows that the aggregate collection made in the Kansas City collection district for the past fiscal year was \$490,-471.40; Kansas, \$248,729.01, including receipts from the Indian and Oklahoma Territories, Kansas proper the amount was \$233, 927.64. In that state fifteen gailons of dis-tilled spirits of the value of \$3 were seized for violation of the revenue laws, while in Missouri, 150 gailons were seized, of the value of \$153. Prosecutions for violation of the revenue laws: Indian Territory, none, Kansas, 17; Western district of Missouri. 37 pending and 316 instituted; Oklahoma, 22 pending, 20 instituted.

THE INCREASE NEVER CAME.

Members of the Topeka Police Force

Sue for Back Wages. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 13.-(Special.) The members of the Topeka police force have | ica. employed attorneys to bring suit against the city for back pay amounting in the aggregate to \$3,500. When the change of state administrations occurred two years ago, the local police force was reorganized. The salary of each new man was fixed at \$50 per month for the first six months, with the promise of an increase to \$55 at the end of that period. The increase never came to any of the officers. Now, that they are about to become private citizens again they want that \$5 per month which was

Brown Wants a Clerkship.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 13.—(Special.) Frank L. Brown, of Garnett, member of the Republican executive committee of the state committee, and the present clerk of the appellate cort for the Eastern division of the Southern department, will be a candidate for clerk of the United States court providing the state is divided into two disricts by congress.

Salvationists Assemble. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 13 .- (Special.) The an-

qual meeting of the Salvation Army in Kansas is now being held in this city. At the session to-day a resolution was adopt-ed against the calling of a constitutional

SCIENTIST BLOWN TO ATOMS.

With Three Assistants George Isane

ing With Acetyline Gas. Lordon, Dec. 14.-A Times dispatch from Berlin says that an explosion occurred on Saturday afternoon in the Moabit quarter in the house of the scientist, George Isaac, who was experimenting with the manufacture of acetyline gas. Isaac and three assistants were blown to atoms. It is stated that Emperor-William had intended to visit Mr. Isaac's laboratory, as his experiments had attracted the emperor's attention.

Bad Fire in Shawnee.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Dec. 13,-(Special.) A disastrous fire visited Shawnee last night and consumed a whole block in the business portion of the city, losses aggregating about \$60,000. The principal sufferers are and Saxton general merchants; Adair, grocer, and Hesse, saloon. The town has no fire facilities and only the quiet weather prevented the whole business portion from burning.

Shipwrecked Crew Arrives.

London, Dec. 13.-The Norwegian bark Hovding, Captain Olsen, bound from Que bec for London, has arived at Queenstown with the crew of the Norwegian bark Pal ermo, which was abandoned in a water logged and sinking condition. The Palermo, Captain Larsen, sailed from St. Thomas, Canada, November 7, for Limerick,

Child Burned to Death.

Pond Creek, O. T., Dec. 13.-Near Lament, in the western part of this county, 3-year-old daugher of John Cross played with the fire while her mother was absent from the room. Her clothing took fire and setere she could be helped she burned to death.

Candle Factory Burns.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.-The three story brick candle factory of the Standard Oll Company, on James street, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss on the building and stock is about \$50,000 and the insurance is only \$8,000.

Shot at a Barn Raising.

Clifton, O. T., Dec. 13.-At a barn raising east of here, during an attempt to shoot rabbits that had congregated under the timbers, Charles Joefry was fatally shot by the accidental discharge of a gun

Mother and Daughter Asphixiated. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 13.-Mrs. Catherine Corbett, 70, and her daughter, Mary, 4) years of age, were found dead in their home in this city to-day. Oder of gas was strong in the house, and it is supposed they were asphyxiated.

Crusade Against Saloons.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.-To-day witnessed the beginning of the anti-saloon league movement in Detroit. Addresses were ma in behalf of the league in most of the principal churches and many entered the movement. It is intended to prosecute the work of educating public sentiment, securing a vote upon the question of local option, enforcing the present liquor laws curing more stringent liquor legislation throughout the state.

Many in Relief Work.

London, Dec. 14.—According to a Calcut-ta dispatch to the Times, the official weather forecast says that the winter rains will be generally normal, with perhaps a slight excess in upper India and Rangoon Over 20,000 people are on the relief work in upper Burmah, where the scarcity is widespread. Fortunately, the paddy crop is now reaping in the lower province. It is estimated 1,800,000 tons of rice are available

To Meet Queen Victoria.

Paris, Dec. 13.—La Libre Parole says that there is talk of a meeting between Queen Victoria, Emperor William and ernor Smith, of the Leavenworth home, President Faure at Dinard in the spring.

TREATY WITH GREAT BRITAIN IS ALMOST COMPLETED.

SOME OF ITS PROVISIONS.

ALL DIFFERENCES TO BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION.

No More Dread of a Resort to Arms by the Two English Speaking Nations-Commercial Interests Protected - Mooted Questions.

Washington, Dec. 13.-The negotiations between the United States and Great Brit-Mr. Redding was the only witness Satain for a treaty of general arbitration, covering all subjects of difference between the two English speaking nations, present and prospective, has advanced to a state of completeness far beyond what the public has had reason to believe. The purpose of Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote is to conclude the negotiations within the next three weeks. All of the substantial features of the treaty have been agreed upon. From the present status of the nego tiations it is believed the following will be

the important terms of the treaty: First-A term of five years from the date of the exchange of ratification within which the treaty shall be operative,

Second-A court of arbitration of six members, three to be drawn from the judiciary of the United States and three from the judiciary of Great Britain.

Third-The submission to this tribunal of all differences between the two nations now pending or to arise within the period of five years, this not to include the Behring sea question or the Venezuelan question, now before independent commissions, but to include the question of the boundary between Alaska and British North Amer-

The completion of this treaty will mark an important epoch in the relations be tween the two English speaking nations, and in the judgment of those who have been most identified with its consummation it will be the most important document of a peaceful character in the history of their mutual dealings. The president made passing allusion to the subject in his recent message. It had been understood however, that the main purpose of Mr. Olney was to reach an agreement as to Venezuela, and that having accomplished this, the larger question of arbitrating all differences would require considerable time for its complete development. But the negotiations have proceeded with surprising unanimity, so that those engaged in the work confidently believe it will be fully agreed upon and the signatures of the contracting parties placed to the documents

This will give fully two months for th ensideration and ratification of the treaty at the present session of the United States senate, and unless some unexpected obstacle should arise in that quarter there is every reason to anticipate that the treaty may be made effective before the close of the present administration. At least this is the confident hope and expectation of those most concerned in the negotiations.

To Remove Vexations Questions. Aside from the pre points it can be stated in a general way that the terms of the treaty are such as to "clear the board" of all the vexatious questions which have arisen between the United States and Great Britain. have been numerous in recent years and

some of them have threatened serious con-But those familiar with the exact terms of the negotiations say not one of the causes of friction will remain. Some of them are withdrawn from the operation of the treaty from the fact that other methods of settlement already have been agreed upon. This is the case with the Venezuelan question, which, by the recent agreement pertaining to that subject alone, is committed to a special court of arbitra-tion. The Behring sea claims are now before a commission created by a special treaty, so that this, too, will not fall within the scope of the new treaty. Other ques tions have been similarly disposed of, and considering them all, it is said by familiar with them that the Alaskan oundary will be the only pending controversy likely to come within the scope of

the new treaty. Will Guard Against Ruptures.

The main purpose of the treaty, however, s to guard against future differences is to guard against future threatening a rupture, and in this the ne gotiators believe the terms of the instrument will be such as to avoid all possibility of international conflict for the fut-

This is regarded as the main achievement. It is one said to be peculiarly advantageous to the commercial interests of both countries, assuring them against rumors of war or the serious prospect of war. As one of those concerned in the negotiations sums up the result: "When a serious difference arises between the two countries, instead of a public feeling that war may result and a consequent unsettling of commercial interests, as occurred during the Venezuelan crisis, the public will know beyond all possibility of rumor or report that the difference is one which will be settled by arbitration instead of a possible resort to arms. This public sentiment against alarm is felt to be no less peneficial, as one of the features assured by the treaty, than the plan of arbitration

The reasons for limiting the treaty to five years are doubtless to place a measure of this extent on fair trial, after which, if the results are as good as anticipated, the treaty can be renewed or made permanent.

Majority Vote Required. It is felt the character of the men or such a court will remove it from the usual divisions based purely upon the nationality of the arbitrator, and moreover a major-

ity vote of the arbitrators will doubtless As yet it cannot be stated definitely whether the treaty will cover differences involving national honor and sovereignty in the negotiations. It is probable, how exception will occur in this re spect, as the treaty is meant to cover usual and ordinary differences which arise between nations, rather than such extraordinary event as an insult to the flag or any other national indignity, which ually considered outside the scope of

arbitrations. All the negotiations have been carried on in Washington and the signing of the in-strument will occur here. Mr. Oiney and Sir Julian Pauncefote ave borne the brunt of the work, the latter executing the views of Lord Salisbury in such a way as to expedite the Bayard has not taken part in the

contributed to the result. Oppose Government Irrigation. Denver, Col., Dec. 13 .- The American So

resolutions opposing the idea of govern-

ment action in the building of irrigation

negotiations, although indirectly he has

government commission to look over the arid territory and make suggestions for the aid of the states in the work. The permanent headquarters were established in Denver. The convention has adjourned.

CALLS HER UP BY 'PHONE.

Major McKinley Holds Daily Converse With His Wife, Who Is Vis-

iting in Chicago. Canton, O., Dec. 13.-One of Major Mc-Kinley's friends to-day remarked that since Mrs. McKinley is in Chicago he behaves like a new bridegroom separated for the first time from his bride. Each morning he anxiously awaits a telegram of greeting from her, and each afternoon he calls her up by long distance telephone for a chat. He receives nothing but good reports from her. She has experienced no inconvenience for her journey; is in her usual

health and enjoying herself very much. Nothing can be learned here of the probability of the major going to Chicago, but it would be no surprise to his friends should he pack up and start off almost any day. This would be very much in accord with his past record. In nearly every instance in which Mrs. McKinley has been separated from him for any considerable time, or by any considerable distance, he has joined her in time to accompany her on the homeward journey. Friends are constantly urging him to

take a little trip out of the city and telling him that he cannot endure without respite the strain of a constant stream of callers, some days numbered by hundreds. The major went to church at his usual place of worship this morning, his old friends, Judge George E. Baldwin and Cap-tain Heistand, accompanying him. After the service he went home with his mother for dinner and part of the afternoon. Ed Goldburg, an old friend of the major and a former Cantonian, now located in

Wichita, Kas., was one of the several Chicago, Dec. 13.—Mrs. William McKinley spent most of Sunday in her room in the McWilliams home on Lake avenue. She is gradually recovering from the fatigue the campaign, but was not able to attend church. There were no callers save the members of the family and relatives. It is expected that shopping will begin this week and that orders will be placed for

AMERICAN FEDERATION MEETS. Opposition to the Re-election of Pres ident Gompers-The Eight

the Washington gowns.

Hour Law. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 13.-The auditing committee of the American Federation of Labor completed its report to-day, which will be presented to the convention to-morrow. There are present to-night ninetyfive delegates, including the full corps of officers. The sessions will continue day and night, except Monday and Tuesday, when they will be held during the day only. On Monday night the delegates will attend the theater, as guests of the management of the Grand opera house.
On Tuesday night they will attend a mass

reception at Arbeiter hall. The election of officers will not take place till the closing hours of the convention. Nevertheless there is talk already of some opposition to the re-election of President Gompers. The man spoken of as his competitor is W. B. Prescott, of Indianapolis, president of the International Typographical Union. There is no arrimony in this opposition, and at present it does not seem formidable. A variety of questions for discussion, or action, will come before the convention Among these is that of the eight-hour working day. Efforts will be made to provide for the agitation of this question and to secure speedily favorable legislation upon the success of his plan of campaign and to secure speedily favorable legislation and expressing a desire for the prompt be the important topic.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY'S THEORY.

Thinks Gas Was Turned on Without

Mrs. Cooper's Knowledge. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 13,-Susan B, Anthony, president of the National Women's Suffrage Association, who spent the summer and fall campaigning in California, was pained to learn, upon returning here from Boston, of the sensational death of her friend, Mrs. Sarah Cooper, of San Francisco. She said: "Mrs. Cooper and I vere very intimate friends. Her friends did not in any way desert her, as alleged, because of her action in the Brown matter. They all believe as I do, that nothing can be said praising her too highly. I saw her a month ago and at that time she was not brooding over the snubs of former friends. Her daughter, Hattie, was suffering from

STUDENT CUTS HIS THROAT. Overstudy Induced the Suicide of

nervous prostration and melancholia, the result of overwork and brooding over the

suicide of her father several years ago. I think the report that Hattle turned on the

gas without her mother's knowledge the

Sterling W. Turner. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. II.-To-day about 12 o'clock noon, Sterling W. Turner, of the junior class of Vanderbilt university, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, in his room, but it was not discovered until 3 o'clock by some of his companions who went to his room, and, failing to get in, forced an entrance, finding Turner dead in a pool of blood. Turner was 23 years old, president of the univer-sity Young Men's Christian Association, lived at Wartrace, Tenn., and was suffer-ing from the effects of overstudy.

Buried Under a Mule. Knox, Ind., Dec. 13 .- The body of Ed Fetters, a horse dealer, was found buried with the carcass of a mule near here Friday, and to-day Fetters' partner, William Sutherlin, was arrested, charged with the murder. The grave had been carefully dug and the animal's body placed so as to con-ceal that of the man in case the grave had been carelessly opened. It is claimed by the authorities that several people are in-plicated in the crime.

An Ex-Convict Shot.

Chicago, Dec. 12.-In a saloon on South Clark street to-night William Morris, alias stantly killed by Joseph Speagel, the bar-A quarrel over Speagel's sister led to the shooting.

Shot by the Child's Godfather. Chicago, Dec. 13.-During a drunken quarrel at a christening in the home of William Keenan, on Archer avenue, this evening. Keenan was fatally shot by John Meehan, godfather to the calld. Keenan died at a late hour to-night. The murderer is in fall.

Boston, Dec. 13.-Trinity church, the most prominent of this city's churches, was thronged to-night in the interest of Southern education, as represented by Tuskegee Normal and Industrial institute, at Tus-kegee, Ala. Addresses were made by Rev. E. Winchester Donald, D. D., Rev. Dr. G. A. Gordon, Hon. B. K. Bruce, ex-United States senator and ex-register of the treasury, and Booker T. Washington, the in-

Congress of Salvationists.

stitute principal.

New York, Dec. 13.—A national congress of the Salvation Army, which is to occupy three days, was commenced to-day in the auditorium of Memoriai hall. The several ment action in the building of irrigation prayer meetings during the day were con-reservoirs and canals, but advocating a ducted by Commissioner Higgins and Brigreturned to Havana in order to disperse

MACEO'S LAST HOURS

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE CUB-AN LEADER'S DEATH.

TROOPS LEFT HIM DYING.

SEVERAL INSURGENT BODIES EX-PECTED TO SURRENDER SOON.

Spanish Reinforcements Arrive-Cabinet Council Meeting at Madrid-Action May Be Taken Upon Président Cleveland's

Message.

Havana, Dec. 13 .- Further inquiries by the correspondent of the Associated Press have elicited the following additional details, which are positively reliable, of the manner in which Antonio Maceo met his death. It is known that Maceo expected the insurgent brigadier general, Sanchez, to concentrate his forces in Havana province in readiness for Maceo when he should pass the trocha. It happened, however, that in passing the Spanish column, commanded by Major Cirujeda, Maceo mistock the force of guerrillas under Peral for Sanchez' vanguard and found himself amongst them before he discovered his mistake. At the first volley from the Spanish Maceo fell wounded. The insurgents, taken by surprise, commenced a general fire as they retreated and aban-

doned Maceo in a dying condition. Colonel Feijoo has had an engagement at Campo Florida, near Havana, with the concentrated forces of insurgents which were with Maceo at the time he was killed, and which are now following the leaders Aguirre, Castillo, Cardenas, Gallo and Lozo and which number 1,300 horse-

Colonel Feijoo again met these forces at Tumbaquarto, where he inflicted a loss of eighteen killed, their wounded being carried off. The Spanish had nineteen

Private advices from Santiago de Los Vegas, in this province, state that the prominent insurgent leader, Perico Delgado, has been seriously wounded and has remained hidden in the woods since the last engagement with General Figurroa. These advices add that it is expected that several bodies of insurgents will soon sur-render to the Spanish authorities. The steamer San Ignacio has arrived here, having on board 1,240 soldiers to reinforce the Spanish forces in Cuba.

A Grand Demonstration. Upon the initiative of the chiefs of the volunteers there was a grand demonstration at the palace to-night in honor of Captain General Weyler. By 8 o'clock in the evening the streets along the line of march were packed with a moving mass of people, and the balconies of the houses were covered. At 8:30 o'clock a procession of volunteer troops marched to the music of a band down Obispo street to the palace amid the vivas of the population. There was more enthusiasm even than on the day Captain General Weyter returned to Havana. The Marquis de Apestegula, the leader of the Conservative party, the com-mittee of public defense and other patriotic societies, took part in the demonstration. Colonel Bances, as a representative of the volunteers, made an address to Cap-tain General Weyler, congratulating him

and expressing a desire for the prompt pacification of the island discovered by Columbus. Captain General Weyler displayed much feeling as he returned thanks. that all branches of the service, the army, the navy, the volunteers and the firemen, were making an equal effort, and were, like himself, as the first soldier, trying to

put an end to the war. He said th teers were the bulwark of the national integrity.

Tells How Maceo Died. Maceo's death, he added, had taken place while the volunteers were preparing their arms to strengthen the trocha. Maceo, finding he was not safe on the other side of the trocha, had taken to precipitate

General Weyler expressed his pleasure at the unity of the Spaniards, who will, he said, after peace has been secured, recon-struct the country by the agreement of the political parties. He terminated his speech with a warm tribute to the mothers of those who had been sacrificed in the war. The captain general then passed to the balcony of the palace, where he was greeted vivas for Spain, the king and the army. The queen regent has offered her congrat-

ulations to Captain General Weyler. MANY CUBANS ARE UP IN ARMS.

Three Combined Expeditions Now En Route to the Island-Americans Among Them. Tampa, Fla., Dec. 13.-Sixty-seven men

left here this morning on the regular Florida Central & Peninsular train in two private coaches for a point near Jacksonville, where they will embark to-night for Cuba. They form one of three combined expeditions now en route to Cuba. General Carlos Roloff has sailed from some northern port in the Bermudas. It is said that he is to be met by two expeditions as he made up from the Atlanta Cuban colony and to go to the nearest port where they will embark. The second party left here this morning, among them being five Americans. It is thought they will go to Trout creek, arrive there after dark, and embark at once on the Three Friends. The Cubans here state they will be on the ocean at midnight. At daylight this morning squads of Cubans, all carrying bundles, were seen making their way to wards the Florida Central depot. were under the leadership of Perez Gonzales and Augusto Armao. Those of the party who came from Tampa crossed the bridge near the Tampa Bay hotel and took the back streets to the depot.

According to the best information ob-tained there is to be the largest combination ever attempted by the Cubans. The Bermuda carries the ammunitions, which are given as follows: Six thousand rifles, 4.000,000 cartridges, four Hotchkiss guns two dynamite guns, 500 hand bombs, projectiles for the cannon and medicines, General Roloff is directed to go to the province of Sancti Spiritus and to take command in place of General Serafin Sanchez, intely deceased. It is said that in all three expeditions will

be about 300 men. The Cubans here are elated over the magnitude of the expedi-tions and intimate that with this acquisition the Cubans will make a considerable showing for themselves during the next

Gomez has promised an active and aggressive winter campaign and he sent Roloff over to the States to secure the material necessary for it.

WEYLER ON MACEO'S DEATH.

Says It Will Be a Terrible Blow to

the Insurgents. Madrid, Dec. 13.-In an interview with a correspondent for the Madrid News, Captain General Weyler states that he had